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Themes should be developed to reach the growing number of Soviet men who were taken from their parents at an early age and grew up without family ties in an orphanage. While this element is materialistic to the point of criminality and would be of dubious value to the West, it does not have the same ties to the Soviet Union as an average cross-section of the Army.

those who have had good standing in their units, and have reached the west, should write leaflets in the form of letters addressed to their comrades by name. These letters should tell of conditions and treatment. They should make such direct comparisons as "The Sunday of a Soldier: USA and USSR" pointing out why the Soviet soldier is under such tight controls.

Means of transmitting printed matter to the soldier include the following: (1) maneuver areas, in which Germans are used as caretakers, laborers, etc; (2) barracks, where latrines are some distance away, and are available to some Germans; leaflets could be spindled as toilet paper; (3) open training areas could be sown, sparsely, with leaflets weighted down with sticks and stones, or stuck on twigs in wooded areas; (4) laundry, coal, firewood, and food brought in from German civilian sources could contain propaganda.

Newspapers exactly resembling specific Soviet Army unit and Army newspapers in appearance, and delivered to the appropriate units could carry effective messages

and stories.

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I paper was Za Rodinui which appeared twice a week. I believe that operated on press equipment locally procured. Soviet Army headquarters do not have mineograph or hectograph machines. In the Spring of 1951 an order appeared forbidding the carrying or mailing of Army and Division newspapers out of the post. Such material, together with all personal correspondence must be kept out of sight in barracks or quarters. When left unattended, it must be locked up. These security measures were taken primarily against German civilian personnel.

Troops may see a loudspeaker unit going up and down the front from Army level, but they are not told anything much about it. Political officers are given schooling, during their regular course of instruction, in countering enemy psychological warfare. Examples of actual psychological warfare measures are selected from World War II. German loudspeaker voicecasts are reproduced, appealing in bad Russian to Soviet soldiers to come over and enjoy the girls and vocka. The student Zampolits learned that the Soviet soldiers merely laughed, in most instances, but that if they seemed to be listening, the political officer should secure artillery fire on the enemy loudspeaker to silence it, or on the immediate front in order to drown it out. He should gather the men about him and refute the voicecast, pointing out that the Germans lied, that they had no regard for the Soviet soldier, and the soldier's duty lay in fighting for his motherland. Leaflets should be combated by similar explanations to the affected troops.

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I do not think they are carried out in all cases. Defection is very bad for Soviet

prestige. have supported the regime. If I found that life in the West was so much better, people in that area would wonder if this were really true, and Soviet stories only

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Ukraine, the wife of a Soviet Army captain, stationed in Austria, suddenly lost

touch with him. She sought word from the Army, and finally relief from the Government. Eventually she was informed officially that he had been killed by the

She never got a pension. He could have defected.

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I should like to add here a brief discussion of the factors leading to defection and the impact of the Western world There were many ups and downs in Soviet policy regarding discipline in the army after World War II, with resulting morale changes among troops and officers. The period immediately following the end of hostilities in Europe was the low point in Soviet military discipline, and was followed by the movement toward extremely tight control over officers and men which is now in effect in the garrisons in Germany. The ban on fraternization contributed most toward poor morale

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though in slightly different ways for officers than for men. The extreme cloistering of the troops in Germany was a cause of dissatisfaction for the men but the rigors of the training schedule and the weight of difficult duties left little time for the expression of resentment. Rather, the effect was a keyed up state of mind which would be militarily useful to the Soviets should they decide to initiate hostilities. The mass of enlisted personnel presently in Germany has poor educational backgrounds as a result of World War II dislocation and this contributes to the uncritical approach with which they face their present environment. Among the officers, however, the strict discipline has resulted in the development of increasingly devious attempts to beat the game, with the accompanying damage to the officers' moral fiber which such behavior breeds. All of the above-mentioned factors tend to override any original reluctance to defect, 50X1 pushing ethical considerations into the background.

The aspects of Western life which had the greatest impact
were twofold. Initially it was the profusion of material wealth and
comfort which impressed me most, but this was followed by the realization of the
importance of my newly found freedom to direct my own life.

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